

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled joint resolution on Wednesday, January 22, 1997:

House Joint Resolution 25, making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104-208), and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, January 23, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on Thursday, January 23, 1997 at 10:45 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment, H.Con.Res. 9;

That the Senate passed S.Con.Res. 4; and

That the Senate agreed to S.Res. 22.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO NATIONAL COMMISSION ON RESTRUCTURING THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of section 637(b) of Public Law 104-52, as amended by section 2904 of Public Law 104-134, the Chair reappoints to the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service the following Member of the House: Mr. PORTMAN of Ohio.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable RICHARD A. GEPHARDT, Democratic leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, January 30, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Section 637(b), Public Law 104-52, I hereby accept the resignation of Mr. Robert T. Matsui of California from the National Commission on Restructuring the Internal Revenue Service and hereby appoint Mr. William J. Coyne of Pennsylvania to the Commission for the remainder of its term.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD A. GEPHARDT.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 1 of rule XLVIII and

clause 6(f) of rule X, and the order of the House of Tuesday, January 7, 1997, authorizing the Speaker and the minority leader to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House, the Speaker on Monday, January 27, 1997, appointed to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence the following Member of the House: Mr. GOSS of Florida as chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE S. HUGH DILLIN

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable S. Hugh Dillin:

U.S. DISTRICT COURT,
Indianapolis, IN, January 9, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 7, 1997 you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Julia Carson of the Tenth District of the State of Indiana under House Resolution 11, One Hundred Fifth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on January 9, 1997 at Indianapolis, Indiana, I administered the oath of office to Mrs. Carson. Mrs. Carson took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mrs. Carson, to the Clerk of the House.

Yours very truly,

S. HUGH DILLIN.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE HONORABLE ORLANDO L. GARCIA

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable Orlando L. Garcia.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT,
San Antonio, TX, January 8, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On January 7, 1997 you designated me to administer the oath of office to Representative-elect Frank Tejeda of the 28th District of the State of Texas under House Resolution 10, One Hundred Fifth Congress.

Under such designation, I have the honor to report that on Tuesday, January 8, 1997 at San Antonio, Texas, I administered the oath of office to Mr. Tejeda. Mr. Tejeda took the oath prescribed by 5 U.S.C. 3331. I have sent two copies of the oath, signed by Mr. Tejeda, to the Clerk of the House.

Sincerely,

ORLANDO L. GARCIA,
U.S. District Judge.

REPUBLICAN HOUSING OPPORTUNITY CAUCUS

(Mr. METCALF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, with the help of Representatives JOHNSON, LAZIO, ENGLISH, and WELLER, I have formed the Republican Housing Opportunity Caucus to highlight the importance of affordable housing to all Americans.

The mission of this caucus is to give Members of Congress who are inter-

ested in housing policies an opportunity to explore every possible strategy to enhance home ownership and affordable housing, to discuss their concerns and coordinate a response. There is nothing glamorous about housing, but we all know how important it is. It is not just a roof over one's head but a place you can call home, a place of your own.

There are still problems. The first-time home buyer rate remains low and many families cannot find affordable housing. This caucus can help to establish a comprehensive approach to housing needs.

If my colleagues are interested in being part of this caucus, please call my office.

MITSUBISHI OF AMERICA?

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, when Mitsubishi opened a TV factory in California, they made an announcement and they said Mitsubishi of Japan is now Mitsubishi of America. They even waved an American flag. Well so much for all the patriotism, my colleagues. Mitsubishi announced they are closing their California factory and moving to Mexico. They said they are going to cut costs, expand profits and after all, they said, Mexico is America.

Beam me up. I have seen the new world order. It is coming to pass. We can now buy American by buying Japanese from Mexico, and if that is not enough to wax your Toyota, the White House wants to expand NAFTA to all of Latin America. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

Beam me up. Our kids are going to have to move to Mexico to get a job.

TROUBLE IN EAST TIMOR

(Mr. WOLF asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago I returned from visiting Bishop Carlos Belo in the island of East Timor, which is under the military oppression of the governor of Indonesia. As our colleagues know, the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. HALL] nominated Bishop Belo, the first Catholic priest ever to receive the Nobel peace prize. I will be taking out a full special order on that issue and trip, but I want to tell my colleagues that on the island of East Timor today the military occupation there is fear and terror. They are going through the island at 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning pulling young people out and taking them away. Many are fleeing to the hills.

When this Congress has to deal with the issue of Indonesia and East Timor, we should do the right thing. Second, there is a concern among Indonesians that the Lippo Bank connection and